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For

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MOTOR ENGINE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.